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Visit to SME Corp Kedah

09 March 2020 | A visit to SMECorp was held this morning by the Management of AIU to drive a discussion with Ms. Nurul-Ain Mohd Asmoni, the Kedah/Perlis State Director of SMECorp.

The focus of the meeting was to synergise a collaborative effort with SMECorp and Albukhary International University (AIU) in a few initiatives such as placement of industrial training students, social entrepreneurship programmes for AIU students and bringing industry on AIU Campus. The meeting agreed in principle, to organise Urban Garage @ Souq Albukhary, SME Internship Programme and SME Seminar/Workshop at AIU.

Forging closer ties with industry will always be AIU's top priority and this is in line with the recent

launching of Way Forward for Private Higher Education Institutions: Education as Industry Blueprint by the Ministry of Education.

Representing AIU were YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin, Vice Chancellor and President, YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation) and YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Mohd Hafiz Yusoff, Registrar.



AIULC Buddy Programme

By: Sherina Shahnaz Mohamed Fauzi

As part of the effort to establish themselves as a premier language-learning service provider in the region, AIU Language Centre (AIULC) has commenced with their latest initiative, the AIULC Buddy Programme.

The key feature of the AIULC Buddy Programme is a series of continuous knowledge-sharing visits between AIULC and selected “Buddy” schools and institutions from around the region. Activities during these visits include mini-forums, sharing sessions and other language-improvement activities. In this programme, AIULC students will be given the opportunity to play the role of companion, mentor and peer-teacher to their new friends from the Buddy institutions.

The first ever knowledge-sharing visit under the AIULC Buddy Programme was by the English Club of Politeknik Sultan Abdul Halim Mu’adzam Shah (POLIMAS) on 10 March 2020. 51 students accompanied by 5 lecturers visited AIU and were treated to an afternoon of knowledge and fun where AIULC students shared their experiences and advice in a mini-forum and organised a variety of language activities and games. The event was also graced by the presence of the Vice-Chancellor and President of AIU, Prof Dato’ Dr. Abd Aziz Bin Tajuddin.

It is hoped that this visit will be the first of many visits between AIULC and Buddy institutions, to establish goodwill, cooperation and collaboration between AIULC and other institutions of learning in the region.



Industry Engagement Session with Padiberas Nasional Berhad (BERNAS)

11 March 2020 | Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Innovation), Albukhary International University (AIU), YBhg. Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande Che Ismail led an industry engagement session with Padiberas Nasional Berhad (BERNAS) this morning to spearhead collaborative effort between both institutions.

BERNAS, a diversified food conglomerate offers AIU the opportunity to collaborate in student's internship programme, CEO Faculty Talk, CSR activities, Learn and Earn Programme @ Souq Albukhary and bringing industry professionals as academia @ AIU.

Prof. Ir. Dr. Rizalafande commented that AIU will engage BERNAS in any of its impactful activities wherever possible.

He further commented that AIU has to keep abreast with global industry trends, not just for the purpose of bridging the gap between academia and industry, but more importantly to develop students with relevant soft skills and capabilities.

Representing BERNAS was Mdm. Norazuwa Mat Rahim, Manager of CSR Unit.

Also present was Assoc. Prof. Dr. Bibi Zarjaan Akhbar Khan, Acting Dean, School of Business and Social Sciences, AIU.



Briefing Session by the Vice Chancellor and President of AIU



13 March 2020 | The Vice Chancellor and President of Albukhary International University (AIU), YBhg. Prof. Dato' Dr. Abd. Aziz Tajuddin took the opportunity to share the progress and admission to AIU with the principals of Fully Integrated Residential School (Northern Region) in a briefing held last night at Singgahan.

AIU Representatives at GEB, Kuala Lumpur

AIU Student, Ahmed ElMekawy represented the university at the Global Entrepreneurship Bootcamp (GEB) which was held in Kuala Lumpur. GEB brought together young and innovative minds from more than 35 different countries along with 13 mentors/speakers from renowned institutions around the world. GEB is organized in collaboration with Solve Business School, France as co-organizer and Asia School of Business (ASB) in collaboration with MIT Sloan School of Management. Ahmed ElMekawy's participation in GEB reflects AIU's encouragement and support for students to be engaged in international events and bootcamps that help them to gain a deeper understanding of their studies and add to their practical experience.



Students' Tutoring Programme

Under the supervision of Associate Professor Dr. Bibi Zarjaan Akhbar Khan, the acting dean of AIU School of Business and Social Science, the school decided to form a special cohort for late registered students in AIU. The special cohort had only 10 weeks to finish the special semester to make them eligible to join cohort 3 in the second semester. The school chose 6 students from cohort 3 who are competent and willing voluntarily to help the seven students of the special cohort.

The volunteers were Ahmed ElMekawy, Sarimawar, Nooratikah Ain, Mohammad Arsyad, Ali Abdi, and Athirah. The program was successfully organized and benefitted both tutors and mentees, and the school is looking forward to applying similar programmes in a wider range.



“Gotong-Royong”

By: Dato’ Siti Zubaidah A. Hamid

Since the declaration of MCO on 18th March 2020, most of our students are on campus cooped up in their rooms, not able to leave campus and go about their daily routine. As maintenance on campus premises such as cleaning of hostel surroundings are limited the students have taken the initiative to keep their environment clean via ‘gotong-royong’. They had voluntarily started to clean the hostel’s common areas like the pantry, the tv room and passage way as well as clear the rubbish to ensure that the premise is clean and free from rats and other unwanted creatures and insects that could carry diseases. It is commendable efforts on their part to partake on this cleanliness activity.



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